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Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin on page 2 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A dishwasher is provided that allows washed dishes located in the washing container to be dried effectively and efficiently from an economic perspective so as to keep the energy consumption as low as possible in spite of a very good drying performance. The dishwasher includes a washing container, a device for washing items retained in the washing container using rinsing liquid, a medium-retaining container for retaining therein a vaporisable medium or a sublimable medium, and a sorber with reversibly dehydratable material.